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Secretary Middendorf, honored guests Naval War College
Foundation Members, Officers and ladies of the Class of 1974.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the 451 members of the Class of 1974 to the Naval War College this morning.

It is also a great pleasure to have with us today to bring you greetings from the top of the Navy, the Honorable J.

William Middendorf, II, Undersecretary of the Navy. Not only is Mr. Middendorf a longtime friend of the Navy and a neighbor from Little Compton, Rhode Island, but his background and experience makes him especially well suited to comment on the challenges facing today's military and the role for which the military officer should be preparing himself.

He brings to us the perspectives of a business executive; of a diplomat, having recently returned from serving as United States Ambassador to the Netherlands; and now of the Under Secretary of the Navy. With this background he is certainly sensitive to the problems and the opportunities the military faces today. We are fortunate to have him with us to start this new Academic Year

Mr. Middendorf thank you for those thought provoking words which should set the tenor of our ten months of academic work that lies ahead. With your permission, I should also like to address a few words to this Class of 1974. You members of this class have all come from operational or managerial assignments. You may well be asking yourselves why am I being sent to this academic institution? Let me try to answer that question by saying that you were carefully picked by your Service or Department to attend the Naval War College because you have already demonstrated superior performance. You have been identified by your seniors as candidates for positions of greater responsibility in the future.

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VICE ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER UNITED STATES NAVY

Vice Admiral Stansfield Turner is a native of Highland Park, Illinois. Following graduation from Highland Park High School in 1941, he entered Amherst College at Amherst, Massachusetts. In June of 1943 he transferred to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He played football as a midshipman. At graduation in June 1946, he was the Commander of the Brigade of Midshipmen. After serving at sea for a year, he was appointed a Rhodes Scholar and entered Oxford University in September 1947. His studies in philosophy, political science, and economics there led to a Masters Degree.

Returning to sea in 1950, he served in destroyers in both the Atlantic and Pacific. As a result of his service in the Korean Theater, he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal. From 1954 to 1956 he served ashore in the Politico-Military Policy Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. His first sea command was USS Conquest (MSO 488) an ocean minesweeper in the Pacific from 1956 to 1958. He next reported to Pearl Harbor for duty on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief Pacific (CINCPAC). In 1960 he returned to sea as executive officer of USS Morton (DD 948). In May 1962 he took command of the destroyer USS Rowan (DD 782) during the nuclear weapons tests at Christmas Island.

VADM Turner was next assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Systems Analysis) where he was a systems analyst reviewing Navy force level requirements. He attended the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School in the spring of 1966 and reported in August to the San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard as Prospective Commanding Officer of the guided missile frigate USS Horne (DLG 30). On 15 April 1967, Horne was commissioned and joined the Pacific Fleet, and subsequently deployed to the Gulf of Tonkin for operations with Task-Force 77. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for service in combat operations in Horne. Following this tour he served for two years as Executive Assistant and Naval Aide to the Secretary of the Navy, and was awarded the Legion of Merit upon completion of that tour.

He was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral in May 1970 and assumed command of Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla EIGHT and of a Carrier Task Group of the Sixth Fleet on 25 September 1970 aboard USS Independence at sea in the Mediterranean. He served in these capacities until March 1971. In April 1971 he became Director of the Systems Analysis Division of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

On 1 February 1972 the Senate confirmed his nomination for appointment to the grade of Vice Admiral and assignment as the President, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. He became the College's 36th President on 30 June 1972. Vice Admiral Turner is the youngest flag officer and only Rhodes Scholar ever to assume the presidency of the Navy's senior graduate level educational institution.

Vice Admiral Turner and his wife, Patricia, have two children. Their daughter, Laurel, and her husband, Frank G. Echevarria, live in San Diego. Their son, Geoffrey, and his wife, Roberta, are residing in Texas where Ensign Turner is completing his training in jet aircraft.

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND REGALIA

For centuries, institutions of higher learning have dignified their ceremonies with an academic procession, a custom descending from the clerical procession. The procession is led by a marshal or chief marshal, followed by the academicians or faculty, each attired in the robes prescribed for his degree. Distinguished visitors and delegates follow the faculty, and last in the procession comes the president of the institution.

Each member of an academic procession ordinarily wears a cap, gown, and hood denoting his degree and discipline, and the institution awarding it.

The cap, which need not be worn, normally is an Oxford type mortarboard. The tassel may be uniformly black or a color denoting discipline at the option of a university. Gold tassels are reserved for doctors and governing officials.

Bachelors' gowns are relatively simple, falling in straight lines from an elaborate yoke and having pointed sleeves. Masters' gowns are slightly more elaborate and fasten about the wrist. The Doctor's gown is marked by velvet panels down the front and around the neck, as well as by three bars of the same material on the bell-shaped sleeves. It is cut more fully and may be ornamented.

The hood worn is three feet in length for Bachelors, three and one-half feet for Masters, and four feet for Doctorates with velvet trimming of two, three, and five inches in width respectively. The colors of this trim identify the discipline in which the degree was awarded. The colors and pattern of the exposed central hood lining distinguish the school which granted the degree. These patterns range from single colors through chevrons and stripes to tartans.

Today, the academic procession opening the Naval War College's 1973-74 scholastic year signifies the blending of the academic and the military at this distinguished institution, the oldest War College in the United States and the oldest Naval War College in the world.



COAT OF ARMS

The trident rising from the waves symbolizes mastery of maritime activities. The three tines of the trident allude to the requirement for the fundamental knowledge of strategy, tactics and logistics necessary to an increased understanding of naval warfare. The helmsman's wheel alludes to the objectives of the Naval War College and the laurel wreath which encircles the wheel symbolizes accomplishment of the mission.

